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Practices

Business & Commercial Litigation

Construction Law

Real Estate

Education

J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law, 1990, *cum laude*

B.S., Trenton State College, 1986

Admissions

New Jersey, 1990

United States District Court, District of New Jersey, 1990

United States District Court, District of Pennsylvania, 1990

United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 2000

Memberships

New Jersey State Bar Association, Equity Jurisprudence Committee

Middlesex County Bar Association

The Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey

Donald E. Taylor is a shareholder in the Business, Commercial and Construction Litigation group at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. He is experienced in all areas of complex commercial litigation, including conducting many bench and jury trials in both State and Federal courts.

In addition to handling shareholder disputes, franchise, breach of contract, leasing, and restrictive covenant cases, a significant portion of Don's practice involves representing owners, builders, developers and general contractors in connection with construction delay and defect litigation. His construction litigation practice extends to transition litigation matters and other lawsuits arising out of the construction of numerous types of projects, including condominium developments, residential communities and single-family homes, involving claims of alleged construction and design defects, subsurface deficiencies, project-related misrepresentations, building code violations and breaches of the Planned Real Estate Development Full Disclosure Act (PREDFDA) and other express warranties.

Mr. Taylor has been selected for inclusion in the list of *Best Lawyers in America* since 2022 in the area of Construction Law and Litigation. In 2022, Mr. Taylor was designated by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney.

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Selected Matters

Results achieved in prior matters are not meant to be a guarantee of success as the facts and legal circumstances vary from matter to matter.

- Represented a large residential real estate developer in connection with a multitude of issues including: defense of design and construction defect claims in several transition litigations involving a mid-rise condominiums along the Hudson River including issues of alleged soil subsidence, water infiltration, HVAC capacity, code violations and warranty issues; defense of several design and construction defect lawsuits involving site issues and common areas in single family planned real estate developments; defense of claims of alleged inadequate replacement and deferred maintenance reserves; and defense of unit owner warranty claims.
- Represented a construction management company retained to oversee the construction of a multi-building condominium complex in northern New Jersey against allegations of design and construction defects.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment on behalf of contractor against an insurance carrier that denied a defense for alleged construction defects based upon certain policy exclusions.
- Defended a municipal utilities authority against claims by a contractor based upon construction delays.
- Represented the purchaser of automated construction equipment that sustained lost profits as a result of design and assembly defects and breach of warranty.